

Woman Wins Highest Legal Honor Ever Accorded Her Sex



SAN FRANCISCO, June 19.—Mrs. Annette Abbott Adams, who is leaving her job here as U. S. District attorney to be assistant attorney general, the highest legal office ever held by a woman, will depart from what she holds dearest when she goes to Washington next month—her home.

Though almost coldly intellectual, and able as any man in her calling, she admits she's happiest when cooking, dusting and washing dishes in her charming five-room flat near the ocean.

Books Are Companions. Mrs. Adams lives alone, but she is not lonely. Her only companions are rows of books, mostly of a kind called "old-fashioned," and some of the finest old landscapes that ever decked a wall.

She had just finished breakfast which she had cooked and eaten by herself, when she answered the bell. "My friends ask me why I don't board," she explained as she dealt a telling swing with a flyswatter on the last fly in the sunny dining room.

"Well, I find my greatest relaxation after the grind of the office in housework. I guess it's because I love my home so much that I've taken such an interest in the women's fight against the high cost of food and clothing. I'm an active member of the Housewives' League, and I've often used my office and spare time to do all I can to help out."

Boycotted 16-Cent Milk. "I've been preaching the gospel of saving. I boycotted 16-cent milk, I refused to eat 10-cent potatoes and I never bought a 17-cent loaf of bread in my life. And," she added with a gesture of a shapely foot, "I have stopped wearing silk stockings."

Common sense—that is what America needs now. If the Majority shows common sense the discontented minority will. I'm rather optimistic about the future."

Mrs. Adams is a typical westerner. Raised in mountainous Plumas county, she has fought every inch of her way. Her favorite poem is one of Henry's that ends, "I am the captain of my soul."

At the University of California she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta national sorority, but she never "did society."

After graduating in 1904 she was principal in an up-country high school but, dissatisfied with her salary, she came back to college for her law degree in 1914. She won her first case up in Alturas when she got a \$900 judgment for a cattleman against a sheep man who let his stock

spoil her clients' pasture. Since then she's been winning cases right along.

When she goes to Washington Mrs. Adams will store her household goods and hope for the best from the elections. If the Democratic party, of which she's been a life-long member, loses, she will return to take up private practice and open her flat again.

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